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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 22, 2002, the period for response being until October 22, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

2. The method offclaim 1 wherein the piezoelectric device comprises a prestressed bender actuator.

9. The combination of claim 8 wherein the piezoelectric device comprises a pre-stressed bender actuator.

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